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SUBJECT: WILD CAT TRANSPORT STRIKE

1. TEN THOUSAND WEST BERLIN TRANSPORTATION WORKERS CONDUCTED THREE-HOUR WILD CAT STRIKE EARLY MORNING HOURS JANUARY 24 IN PROTEST GOVERNMENT OFFER 9 O/O WAGE INCREASE. UNIONS, DEMANDING INCREASES 15 O/O WITH MINIMUM MONTHLY INCREASE 185 DM, CLAIMED TO BE SURPRISED (PRESUMABLY TO PROTECT LEGAL POSITION) BUT EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS IN FIGHT FOR ADEQUATE WAGES. STRIKE TIED UP WEST BERLIN BUS AND SUBWAY TRAFFIC FROM 3-6 A.M. AND CAUSED RUSH-HOUR DELAYS LONG AFTER BUSES

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AND SUBWAY TRAINS AGAIN

OPERATING. ELEVATED RAILWAY SYSTEM, SERVING EAST AND WEST BERLIN AND RUN BY EAST BERLIN AUTHORITIES, CONTINUED TO OPERATE. STRIKE PRESUMABLY

ORGANIZED BY UNION-RELATED WORKS COUNCILS TO DRAW ATTENTION OF PUBLIC WITHOUT CREATING MAJOR DISRUPTION.

2. PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS UNION (OETV) AND POSTAL WORKERS UNION (DPG) IN BERLIN HAVE GIVEN INDICATIONS OF DISSATISFACTION WITH 8.5 O/O INCREASES NEGOTIATED LAST YEAR, PARTIALLY IN SUPPORT GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICIES. BERLIN CHAIRMEN BOTH UNIONS HAVE STATED TO MISSION LABOR OFFICER THEY INTEND TO GET 12 OR 13 O/O THIS YEAR. DGB OFFICIAL INFORMED LABOR OFFICER UNIONS WOULD PROBABLY SETTLE FOR 10.5 O/O DEMONSTRATING BY PUBLIC SERVICES WORKERS YESTERDAY IN DORTMUND AND DELAYED MAIL DELIVERY IN HAMBURG PRESUMABLY EXPRESSION OF SAME DISSATISFACTION. NEGOTIATIONS RESUME JANUARY 28 IN STUTTGART. KLEIN

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